(*d*) Does not arise (*vide* answer to Q. *c*).

(*e*) 329 Artisans and 596 coolies have been entertained in all, including men re-entertained more than once against the same place.

(*f*) The men entertained are all either Mysoreans by birth or by domicile.

(*g*) Does not arise.

Supplementary Questions.

Mr. Ramakrishnaiya.—

With reference to question 24 (*a*) will Government be pleased to say how many men were discharged on account of continuous absence and how many due to retrenchments?

Dewan.—

The question requires notice.

Mr. Ramakrishnaiya.—

With reference to question 24 (*f*) will the Government be pleased to say whether one Mr. Snell who is not a Mysorean either by birth or by domicile is not appointed as a Driver?

Dewan.—

It is not a supplementary question. If, however, definite instances are brought to notice, I will make enquiries into the matter.

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Q.—25. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) Whether the opinion of the public was taken before the recent reforms in the system of primary and middle school education were introduced?

(*b*) What was the number of candidates that appeared for the Lower Secondary examination with English as second language from 1918 to 1924 and what was the number that appeared for the English Lower Secondary examination after passing Kannada Lower Secondary examination during the same period?

(*c*) What was the number of petitions that were received by the Inspector-General of Education during 1922-23 and 1923-24 praying that Kannada Lower Secondary Scheme be continued and how were they disposed of?

(*d*) (1) How many teachers were working in the primary classes during 1923-24 in Mysore District?

(2) How many are teaching in the current year?

(3) Why is it that there has been a decrease in their number?

(4) Is it due to a decrease in the amount allotted to this district under primary education for 1924-25?

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—25. (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative. Proposals for the remodelling of the primary and middle school grades of education were made in the Education Memorandum which was published for general information and criticism in August 1919. The recent reforms are based on the orders passed in 1921 on the Education Memorandum.

(*b*) A statement giving the information is placed on the table (*vide* Appendix VI).

(*c*) The total number of petitions received in the Office of the Inspector-General of Education on the subject cannot be definitely stated as some are reported to have been sent to the Inspecting Officers without being separately registered. So far as information is available, one was received in 1922-23 and about nine in 1923-24. These were also forwarded to the Inspecting Officers for disposal in the light of the circular issued by the Department in pursuance of the remodelling orders.

(*d*) (1) 411. (2) 536.

(3) and (4) No reply is called for in the light of the answers to (*d*) (1) and (2).

Supplementary Questions.

Mr. Ramaswami.—

With reference to answers No. 25 (*b*) and (*c*) will the Government be pleased to order the continuance of the Kannada Lower Secondary examination in view of the increasing number of candidates for the same?

Dewan.—

That is a representation involving considerations of policy. It is not a supplemental question.